

Programmatic Subcommittee Work Plan

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Why are we here today?

We are here to present the TPEAC Programmatic Subcommittee work plan and timelines established by ESB 5279 passed by the 2003 Legislature.

The Programmatic Subcommittee is implementing the “multi-agency programmatic approach” which will provide programmatic coverage for several WSDOT activities.

Where are we now?

The Programmatic Subcommittee is expecting to complete final Unified Conditions and obtain programmatic permit approval for bridge and ferry terminal maintenance work by the end of July 2003.

Currently, the Programmatic Subcommittee is beginning work on developing multi-agency programmatic approval for the next set of high priority activities titled “Drainage Maintenance” which include:

- Ditch and Channel Maintenance
- Fish Barrier Maintenance
- Culvert Maintenance
- Culvert Replacement

ESB 5279 Legislative Requirements:

TPEAC Reauthorization Legislation directs the committee to develop a work plan to achieve programmatic agreements and prioritize a list of DOT Activities eligible for programmatic permits. This work plan must contain the following elements:

- Detailed work plan for completing 9 high priority activities by 6/30/04
- A prioritized list of remaining activities eligible for programmatic, multi-agency consideration by 9/30/03
- A schedule of activities and resources to achieve completion of the prioritized list of programmatic agreements by 12/31/05

Programmatic Approvals
“Provide permit or other approval for a variety of projects or activities based on agreed upon criteria, conditions, or best management practices”

Tasks, Timelines, and Needed Resources

The Programmatic Subcommittee convened for the first time on June 16th to discuss the timeline and staff resources needed to complete multi-agency programmatic coverage for these activities. Agency representatives at this meeting included WSDOT, WDFW, Ecology, NOAA Fisheries and the Corps. The subcommittee determined that more detailed discussion over permit issues and activity descriptions would be necessary to develop an accurate scope of work and timeline for completing programmatic coverage for these activities. The week of July 14th is the scheduled timeframe for the next programmatic subcommittee meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to define the activities to be covered and identify the

permit issues related to these activities, the programmatic opportunities, thresholds for use of programmatics, availability of staff resources and time frame for completion. Currently, the scheduled completion date for this group of activities is September 30, 2003.

To fully achieve the TPEAC goal of developing multi-agency conditions, it is imperative that all jurisdictional agencies over these activities participate in the process, which include local agencies, WDFW, Ecology, the Corps, USFWS, the Tribes, and NOAA Fisheries. Currently, WSDOT, WDFW and Ecology have committed to participating in the process. Additionally, representatives from cities and counties are needed to coordinate state and federal requirements with local ordinances.

The Programmatic Subcommittee will begin work on the seventh and eighth of the nine high priority activities which include bridge scour and stream bank stabilization starting in September 2003 and finish in January 2004. As with the previous activities it is imperative that the same jurisdictional agencies participate in the process.

The Programmatic Subcommittee will begin work on the ninth high priority activity, which includes bridge removal in January 2003 and finish in June 2004. As with the previous activities it is imperative that the same jurisdictional agencies participate in the process.

Next Steps

- Secure staffing commitments from local agencies, the Corps, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries to participate in the programmatic process starting now with the work on the drainage maintenance activities and continuing on with completion of the remaining 9 high priority activities.
- Develop a detailed scope of work for the “drainage maintenance” group of activities. This will be accomplished at the next Programmatic Subcommittee Meeting.
- Develop a prioritized list of remaining departmental activities eligible for programmatic, multi-agency consideration by September 30, 2003.
- Develop a schedule of activities and resources to achieve completion of the prioritized list of programmatic agreements by December 31, 2005.

TPEAC Budget and Staffing Needs

To accomplish all of these goals, funded positions are needed for city and county representatives, the Corps, USFWS and NOAA Fisheries each of the above mentioned resource agencies. This equates to 5.0 Biennial FTE.

Additionally, it will be necessary to use technical consultants to develop engineering analyses in support of this effort. Approximately \$100,000 will be needed for this purpose.

Programmatic Approvals TPEAC budget total: \$850,000